Remarks

By the instant amendment, claims 1-36 have been canceled and claims have 37-57 have been added. Accordingly, claims 37-57 will be pending with entry of this amendment. Applicants submit that new claims 37-57 are in condition for allowance since they conform to the Restriction Requirement and rejections set forth in parent application 08/971,966. In particular, Applicants submit that method claims 53-57 are fully enabled.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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